

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the application. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this Amendment.

Entry Of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is respectfully requested because it places the application in condition for allowance. Alternately, entry is requested as reducing issues for appeal.

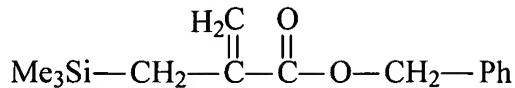
Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-10, 12, 13 and 15-18 are pending in the application. Claims 2-10, 12, 13 and 15-18 have been allowed. Support for the changes to claim 1 may be found at page 8, lines 26-29 and at page 9, line 10 to page 18, line 19 of the specification.

Rejection Over Fleming et al.

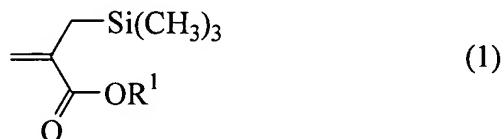
Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fleming et al. (Chemical Abstract 1982:562257). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Fleming et al. pertains to 2-propenoic acid, 2[(trimethylsilyl)methyl]-, phenylmethyl ester having the following structure:



This compound of Fleming et al. has a terminal phenyl (i.e., benzyl) group.

In contrast, instant claim 1 of the present invention pertains to a polymerizable silicon-containing compound having the general formula (1):



where R¹ is not a benzyl group.

As a result, the compound of Fleming et al. clearly fails to anticipate claim 1 of the present invention. This rejection is overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the allowability of claims 2-10, 12, 13 and 15-18. Also, the Applicants respectfully note that the reasons for allowability of the present invention are not restricted to those set forth in paragraph 5 of the Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner is thanked for considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 29, 2003 and for making the initialed PTO-1449 form of record in the application in the Office Action mailed January 5, 2005.

Prior Art

The prior art cited but not utilized by the Examiner indicates the status of the conventional art that the invention supersedes. Additional remarks are accordingly not necessary.

Foreign Priority

The Examiner has acknowledged foreign priority and indicated that a certified copy of the priority document has been received most recently in the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006.

Conclusion

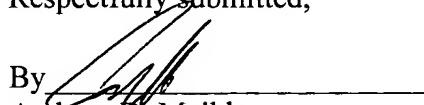
The Examiner's rejection has been overcome, obviated or rendered moot. No issues remain. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to place the application in condition for allowance and to issue a Notice of Allowability.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593), in the Washington metropolitan area at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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